

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

Pentecost

On May 23, 2010 the season of Pentecost begins. This is the Liturgical Season of the church year when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit gave birth to the Church.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to be the Church in the world. The Spirit gives gifts to the members of the church to benefit the entire Body of Christ.



Our part as believers is to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We do what God would have us to do. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We are told in the Scripture to “quench not the Spirit”. This means we are not to try and stop the action of the Holy Spirit. We are simply to follow the Spirit’s leadership.

So Pentecost is a very important day. It is the Sunday that God became manifested through the Holy Spirit. Let us seek to be lead by the Holy Spirit and to do the will of God.

“There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is overall and through all and in all.” Ephesians 3:4-6

All of this is under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. May God continue to lead and guide us through the Holy Spirit.

I hope to see you in church,

Randy Burke



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

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OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Smile Jesus Loves You!	Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.	 Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s 832.729.1598 - Cell 713.983.0717 - Home	Rummage Sale September 9th 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. September 10th 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.			1
2 Bread Sunday   Terry's Crafters	3	4 CWF - Love Meals 10:00 a.m. Executive B. Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	5  Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells	6 Pastor's Bible Study  <i>Stephen Rasco</i>	7 Church Office Closed <i>Kylie Huey</i> <i>Michael W. Rasco</i>	8
9 	10	11 PRAYER CIRCLE 9:30 a.m. CWF - Set for Dinner Theater 10 a.m. Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	12  Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells	13 Pastor's Bible Study  <i>Sara Simons</i>	14 Church Office Closed CWF - Dinner Theater 6:00 p.m. <i>Debie Cody-</i>	15
16 Birthday Sunday  Terry's Crafters	17	18 CWF - Visita- tion- Meet at church at 11:00 a.m. for lunch. Visits begin at 1:00 p.m.	19  Choir Rehearsnd Bells	20	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 Pentecost Pentecost Special Offering	24	25 CWF - Gen. Mtg - 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish— Billie Murray and Pat Scruggs, Hostesses	26  Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells	27	28 Church Office Closed	29
30	31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed					

If you have something for the calendar, or if we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

Announcements, Nurturing Updates, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report

Coming Events

Please remember to purchase tickets for the **Dinner Theater on May 14, 2010**. The money raised goes to non-budgeted needs!! It's a great time to support the church by buying tickets and to sell them to your friends!! Pass the word!!

Graduation Sunday will be **June 6** with cake and punch served after worship service!!

The Nurturing Circle Updates

Week of April 6, 2010

Susan Dyes in Katy Herman for tests from chest pains & difficulty breathing - Prayers
Nancy Greene has lower back pain and having battery of tests run - Prayers
Helen Johnson, Sonja's sister was having vision and headache issues. After tests found leak in heart valve, possible open heart surgery required - Prayers
Lester Baker - Thinking of You - Cards

Week of April 13, 2010

Oliver and Sue Harrison in car accident on Sat. am. Car totaled. Both okay but badly bruised. - Prayers and Cards
Sue Harrison in hospital a.m. of Tues for dehydration and pneumonia - Prayers Sue Harrison taking a turn for the worse. On ventilator. Oxygen level low and blood pressure low. In ICU - Prayers

Week of April 20, 2010

Matt Scantlin out patient surgery for a ruptured disc at 10:30 a.m. at Katy Memorial Herman. - Prayers
Dorene Drakes husband Ernest Knipp in St. Lukes having tests. Possible slight stroke. - Prayers

Week of April 29, 2010

Bernie Slaven in NW Memorial Hosp. with pneumonia - Prayers Warren Dyes father of Amy and Robert Dyes in hospital with virus around his heart. Surgery required but too weak at this time. - Prayers Oliver Harrison - Encouragement from worry of car accident, Sue's hospitalization, and having to look for another care giver. - Cards

FOR SALE

Oaks Church has two burial spaces for sale.

They are located at

Brookside Cemetery, Houston.

These are side by side space 3 and 4 in "Masters Lawn".

Price is \$2,000 each. Negotiable.

Contact Homer Greene for more information at 832.237.3171.



Jessie Heath
2807 Teague Rd. #1220
Houston, TX 77080-2519

Bonnye Sulak
2807 Teague Rd. #1232
Houston, TX 77080-2519

Bettie Bell
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Houston, TX 77080-2519

March Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of March	Sunday School	Church Attendance
March 07, 2010	23	63
March 14, 2010	17	51
March 21, 2010	24	64
March 28, 2010	21	74
TOTALS	85	252

From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	January	February	March
Deposits	7,082.00	8,827.00	9,148.46
Disbursements	(10,266.99)	(13,300.67)	(12,519.56)
Difference	(3,184.99)	(4,473.67)	(3,371.10)

Year to date there has been \$5,500 transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund to cover Operating expenses.

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FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

For more information Contact

**Billie Murray
(281) 448-1667**

Items Needed:

Toothpaste, washing powder, shampoo, deodorant, baby diapers, sugar, flour and can goods.

Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.

The CWF has voted to gather Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. Their supplies have been depleted for the disasters in Haiti and Chile. If you are interested in helping, here is the information:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper

- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)

• Six standard size Band-Aids
Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure; remove excess air from bag and seal. CWF will collect the kits, mail them and contribute the \$2 cost for processing and shipping.

Board Happenings - Albert Green, Board Chair -
Friendly Reminder: Executive Board Meeting for the month of May will be Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and the **General Board Meeting** will be Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you.

Ray and Kathryn Weaver Endowment Fund Report

As most of you know, there are five Trustees elected by the Congregation to oversee the Endowment Funds on deposit with the Christian Church Foundation. The Trustees for 2010 are Don Whitley, President; Homer Green, Vice President; Richard Smith, Secretary; Larry Scruggs, Publicist; Bill Scantlin, Treasurer.

Each year in October the Christian Church Foundation makes a distribution of the earnings of the Funds to the Church. The total of the distribution for 2008 and 2009 was \$7,344.34. According to the Endowment Fund policy the distribution is to be divided 30% to the Stewardship Committee; 30% to the Outreach Committee; 30% to the Endowment Fund Trustees to address the needs of the church and congregation and 10% for regional programs.

The following represents how the funds were divided and for what purposes they will be used:

Stewardship	\$2,203.31
Trustees	\$2,203.30
Outreach	\$2,203.30
Regional Programs	<u>\$734.43</u>
	\$7,344.34

How the funds will be spent

Stewardship – To be determined

Trustees - Help pay for replacement of the speakers for the chimes

With balance to be used to help pay for lawn care

Outreach - \$100 used for Haiti relief effort - remainder to be determined

Regional Programs - sent to the regional office DOC

You will be hearing more about the Ray and Kathryn Weaver Endowment Fund as the year progresses.

Member's Articles

A Gift Anyone Can Make

Everyone, during their lifetime, accumulates "things." Personal property such as vehicles or jewelry, real estate, and savings and other financial accounts all make up the "stuff" we gather during our lifetimes.

But what happens to those things at our deaths? Who decides where these things go? You can, if you act to create a will or other trust document. This allows you to distribute your assets to the people and causes you select; otherwise the legal system will determine the distribution – at a cost.

Through your will, you can designate a gift to Oaks Christian Church that will bless the Christian witness forever. Including the church in your will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.

A will should always be drawn up by a qualified attorney familiar with your financial circumstances, family situation and your wishes for your estate. Advice from an attorney and other professional advisors should be sought when considering charitable giving.

To learn about ways to make legacy gifts through your will, contact the Christian Church Foundation at (800) 668-8016. The Foundation is the general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) designed to help church members create a lasting legacy through planned gifts.

AD HOCK COMMITTEE - Don Murray

This committee was appointed by the General Board to look into the situation of the church and give recommendations back to the Board of anything that can help the future growth of the Church.

The committee consists of the following: Don Murray, Larry Scruggs, Bob Simons, Sally Johnson and Barbara Scantlin. Any suggestions you have would be appreciated.



Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*



Dear Elders of Oaks Christian Church,

I want to thank you for your kindness and keeping me in your prayers about my whole situation. Your prayers have been working I am now out of my wheelchair and walking in my boot. I should be back to normal in three more weeks. Keep me in your prayers and tell every one I appreciate your love.

Thanks,
Sara Luna



Hello to all the great folks at Oaks!

I just want to express my gratitude and say a very heartfelt "THANK YOU" to so many of you who have helped my sister, Kathy Sanders, since she had her stroke. You are all so very kind to take time from your day to get her to the doctor and physical therapy appointments that she has. I truly don't know how she would have improved so much without all of your help.

Thank you also for those of you who have picked her up so she can attend church when she is able.

There are many of you who have touched our family in so many ways. The care that you are showing for Kathy is another example of the awesome love and kindness that comes from being a part of the great Oaks Christian Church.

In Christ Love,
Pat Carter and Family

